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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM POST: "ISRAELI SOURCES" ASSESS THE RABIN VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEBRUARY 3 JERUSALEM POST
ARTICLE ENTITLED "DOUBT IF NEGOTIATIONS CAN GET OFF
GROUND", PROVIDING AN ANALYSIS BY "ISRAELI SOURCES"
OF RABIN'S WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.

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2. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. AND ISRAEL HAVE AGREED TO SOUND OUT
JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING
ISRAEL-JORDANIAN NEGOTIATIONS, SOURCES IN PRIME MINISTER
RABIN'S PARTY ARE ALREADY EXPRESSING SCEPTICISM THAT
SUCH TALKS WILL IN FACT GET OFF THE GROUND.

3. THE SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT
APPEAR READY TO OFFER HUSSEIN A SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH
TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWAL PROPOSAL ON THE WEST BANK NEEDED
TO TEMPT THE JORDANIAN MONARCH TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE
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RABAT SUMMIT CONFERENCE DECISION OF OCTOBER 1974...

4. THE SOURCES, WHILE CONCEDING THAT IT WOULD DO NO REAL HARM TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ISRAEL-JORDANIAN TALKS, SAID THAT 1976 WILL PROBABLY SEE VERY LITTLE-IF ANY--PROGRESS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT.

5. DURING PREISDENT FORD'S TALKS WITH RABIN LAST WEEK, THE U.S. DID NOT OFFER ISRAEL A FIRM COMMITMENT REGARDING U.S. POLICY IN MAY IF THE SYRIANS SHOULD ONCE AGAIN ISSUE NEW CONDITIONS FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE UNDOF MANDATE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, THE SOURCES SAID.

6. THE SOURCES ADDED THAT ISRAEL IS HOPEFUL THAT THE U.S. WILL CALL SYRIA'S BLUFF IN MAY, RATHER THAN GIVE IN TO SYRIA'S DEMANDS AS IT DID LAST NOVEMBER IN A LAST MINUTE ABOUT-FACE. IN THIS REGARD, ISRAEL WAS ENCOURAGED BY AMERICA'S SECURITY COUNCIL VETO WHICH BLOCKED PASSAGE OF THE ONE-SIDED ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION LAST WEEK.

7. FORD AND KISSINGER ASSURED ISRAEL DURING THE TALKS THAT THE U.S. OPPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD STATE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND ALSO AGREES WITH ISRAEL THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN.

8. ON BILATERAL ARMS ISSUES, THE SOURCES SAID THAT ISRAEL RECEIVED 70 PER CENT APPROVAL FOR THE ITEMS IT HAD REQUESTED. THE SOURCES, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION IN THIS OUTCOME, POINTED OUT THAT ISRAEL HAS TRADITIONALLY RECEIVED ONLY 30 PER CENT OF ARMS APPROVAL DURING MOST PREVIOUS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

9. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, OTHER ISRAELI SOURCES HERE SAID YESTERDAY THAT RABIN HAD NOT IN FACT SEEN ALL OF ISRAEL'S ARMS SHOPPING LISTS SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON, AS CHARGED BY ISRAELI DEFENCE MINISTRY SOURCES. REFERRING TO THE CONTROVERSIAL BRIEFING UNCLASSIFIED

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IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK BY A "SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL," THE SOURCES INSISTED THAT SOME ARMS REQUESTS WERE MADE TO THE U.S. WITHOUT RABIN'S HAVING CHECKED THEM. THE SOURCES REFUSED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS. THE "SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL" HAD COMPLAINED DURING THE BRIEFING THAT ISRAEL'S ARMS REQUESTS WERE "EXAGGERATED." END TEXT.
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